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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CS Docket No. 98-120

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 19, 2003, Daniel Brenner (Senior Vice President, Law and Regulatory Policy), Jill Luckett (Vice President, Program Network Policy), Michael Schooler (Deputy General Counsel) and Diane Burstein (Deputy General Counsel) of the National Cable & Telecommunications Association ("NCTA") met with Jordan Goldstein, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps to discuss NCTA's views in the above-captioned proceeding.

Consistent with our written comments in the above captioned proceeding, NCTA urged the Commission to adhere to its January 2001 ruling that "primary video" means a single digital program stream. In addition, NCTA argued that the public interest would not be served by adopting rules that forced cable operators to carry broadcasters' multicast digital streams.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Daniel L. Brenner

cc: Jordan Goldstein